

House Bill 1414 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Holt of the 112th, Mumford of the 95th, and Lunsford of the 110th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To authorize Newton County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers except for
2 condemnation and eminent domain under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII of the
3 Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law,"
4 as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic
5 repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Newton County shall be and is authorized to exercise all redevelopment and other powers
9 under Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as
10 amended; provided, however, that this authorization expressly excludes any powers of
11 condemnation or eminent domain. The intention of this Act is to authorize Newton County
12 to undertake and carry out community redevelopment, create tax allocation districts, issue
13 tax allocation bonds, and incur other obligations within the meaning of and as fully
14 permitted under the provisions of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII of the Constitution,
15 as amended, and to authorize Newton County to exercise redevelopment powers under the
16 "Redevelopment Powers Law"; provided, however, that this authorization expressly excludes
17 any powers of condemnation or eminent domain.

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election
20 superintendent of Newton County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this
21 section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Newton County for approval
22 or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on a practicable date in
23 2006 provided for in subparagraph (c)(1)(B) of Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A. which

1 date shall be determined by resolution of the governing authority of Newton County;
2 provided, however, that if the conducting of the election on earlier authorized dates is
3 impracticable, then the election superintendent shall conduct that election on the date of the
4 November, 2006, state-wide general election and shall issue the call and conduct that election
5 as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the
6 election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof
7 in the official organ of Newton County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the
8 words:

9 "() YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes Newton County to exercise
10 redevelopment powers excluding condemnation and eminent domain under
11 () NO the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as it may be amended from time to
12 time?"

12 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring
13 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on
14 such question are for approval of the Act, then Section 1 of this Act shall become of full
15 force and effect immediately. If Section 1 of this Act is not so approved or if the election is
16 not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective
17 and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following
18 that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by Newton County. It shall
19 be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

20 SECTION 3.

21 Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon
22 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

23 SECTION 4.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.